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A DESTRUCTIVE AND CORRUPT BILL.

The House bill to lessen taxation is a piece of patchwork and botchwork, at once inadequate in reduction, incongruous in detail, and fraudulent in intention. It reduces duties on many articles, but in such a way as to render no reduction of the army of revenue collectors possible. While the income tax is lowered, two-fifths of the cost of collecting it will remain the same as before. The tax on sales of merchandise is continued, in order, we suppose, to furnish an excuse for retaining the thousands of deputy tax-gatherers and swelling commissions. Just about enough excise on hotels and places of amusement remains to continue to defray the cost of chasing down the proprietors and forcing them to pay the assessment. But this gives employment to a numerous class of worthy people, who otherwise might not be able to support themselves and their families. General Schenck managed to hitch to the tail of the bill his corrupt tariff scheme for the depletion of the Treasury, without relief to the people. His bill takes from the Treasury a cent a pound on imported crude sugar, and gives it to the refiners, and does not intend to give them up; and, secondly, that the Indian must, in time, go to farming, but he can't do it right away.

There is no use of making reservations of the American Continent for the purposes of barbarism. Every such reservation will, in time, be invaded, and our government lacks the actual power to enforce its promise, if it promises the contrary. It is better, therefore, not to make any more treaties on the basis of conserving any portion of our country to savage life, as a condition of spontaneous pauperism, natural war, and legalized mendicancy. We have white man who want to be savages, in whom the the essential characteristics of the Indian predominate. They are a source of danger, and we put them under special discipline in prisons. It is no special privilege to exercise this degree of authority over the nomadic savages we have in civilized life; on the contrary, it is an unpleasant, and, sometimes, a dangerous, duty. But to catch such men is one of the first objects of all government. If we can send such men to a Penitentiary, we can at least put the Indians under the coercive watch of sufficient military force to compel them to go to work—not, indeed, at farming, for Red Cloud is right in saying they cannot do that "right away." He appreciates better than the philo-Progantitropists of the Indian Commission the fundamental character of the steps by which an Indian may approach civilization. Indians can and do raise stock and herd horses, cattle, and swine. The first step towards Indian relief must be on a thoroughly materialistic basis, by putting him in the way to settle the most question for himself, without contenting stealing. The change from killing cattle to herding them, from throwing away most of their flesh to curing it and keeping it the year round, is a change the Indian can see at a glance. But tilling the soil is to him squaw's work. He despises it, as the slaveholder of the South did. In Mexico the Indian has been brought in contact with stock-raisers, he has soon learned their habits, mingled, intermarried, and in a few generations we find men of pure Indian blood who are not only farmers, but lawyers, Judges, Generals, Cabinet officers, and Presidents—Juarez, of Mexico, being an illustration of the rule. If such steps can be taken that this one change can be made, it is all that can be done for the present generation. And the experiment of extermination there is no alternative. To attain this result, the Indians need to be taught to look for protection from each other's depredations, not to their own tribal organizations, which look to them to savagery, but to our army. For this purpose they should be placed under a military government, protected in their rights, compelled to resort individually to stock-raising, and punished for their depredations. Treaties are useless with such savages. Those thieves who have nobody to enforce them. What say the Pagan Chiefs now relative to the massacre over which so much ado has been made? They say as it was a case in which they observed their young men right, for they had tried to restrain them and could not.

When the older and more prudent Indians themselves acknowledge that, under the pressure of their young men, the most simple of the hundred millions of unnecessary surplus taxation? what subjects of taxation shall be reduced in whole or in part to the amount of the immense sum of fifty millions more plus? After pottering over the question for six months we have the result in the unsatisfactory bill reported by Schenck and passed by the House in a fit of despair and disgust—a bill which only reduces internal taxes by thirty millions and that in such a way as to retain all the unpopular and odious forms of the present system—the collecting internal revenue. No member of Congress who supported this bill has improved his standing with his constituents. Nobody will feel grateful for the trifling and ill-considered reductions of expenditure contained in the House bill. Every one expected the passage of a better bill, and so all are disappointed and offended. The people know that eighty millions of internal and external taxation may safely and properly be spared, and in whatever degree the bill falls short of this relief, it is unsatisfactory to the public. We cannot understand the folly of the House in refusing to reduce the tax on tea, coffee, and sugar to the extent of 1 cent per pound, and provided all sugar which required to be cleared for use, by raising the tax thereon to 4 cents. The effect of this will be to reduce the revenue on the raw sugar $9,000,000, and exclude the sugars which now at 2½ cents yield about $2,000,000. This is a reduction of the revenue $11,000,000, without any possible reduction in the cost of sugar of any grade to the consumers. Hitherto, the sugar admitted at 2½ cents operated as a standard in the cost of that kind of sugar, as turned out by refiners; but that sugar hereafter is taxed 4 cents, under which it cannot be imported, and all imported sugars of all kinds hereafter bought by the American people, must be purchased of the American refiners, who, in addition to having an absolute monopoly of the market, have had the cost of the raw sugar reduced to them one cent per pound.

The bill simply transfers some $11,000,000 of tax now collected by the government, from the Treasury to the refiners, and the assertion that it reduces taxation to the consumer, is simply untrue.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

The Senate has rejected, by a close vote Senator Schurz's resolution authorizing the Committee on Foreign Relations "to inquire into the history and character of the negotiations which led to the treaty of annexation by the United States of Government, and the circumstances attending them; also to make an investigation of the truth of current statements relative to purchases and sales of Senators, Representatives, and officers of the Government upon the ratification of said treaty, the committee to have power to send for persons and papers." It is stated that Senators Morton, Chandler, and Howard opposed the resolution, and General Schenck managed to hitch to the tail of the bill his corrupt tariff scheme for the depletion of the Treasury, without relief to the people. His bill takes from the Treasury a cent a pound on imported crude sugar, and gives it to the refiners. The effect of this will be to reduce the revenue on the raw sugar $9,000,000, and exclude the sugars which now at 2½ cents yield about $2,000,000. This is a reduction of the revenue $11,000,000, without any possible reduction in the cost of sugar of any grade to the consumers. Hitherto, the sugar admitted at 2½ cents operated as a standard in the cost of that kind of sugar, as turned out by refiners; but that sugar hereafter is taxed 4 cents, under which it cannot be imported, and all imported sugars of all kinds hereafter bought by the American people, must be purchased of the American refiners, who, in addition to having an absolute monopoly of the market, have had the cost of the raw sugar reduced to them one cent per pound.

Major Henry G. Adams died, a few days ago, near Waterville. He was one of the first settlers of Waterville, and for the past twenty years, one of the most prominent and influential men in the State. The funeral was largely attended. Gen. Adams served three terms in the State Senate, and represented the Illinois district in the Thirty-second Congress. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention, and was elected Governor of Utah under the constitution framed by that body. During the war he was a paymaster in the United States army.

At a circus performance in Liberty, on Wednesday of last week, Professor Wells, aged the first of living, successfully rode a horse to be hauled out again. One of the lions, it is stated, had received a severe blow on the head, as once made for him, crushed one of his arms, lay a piece out of his side, and altogether died of his injuries.

—A St. Louis paper of June 2 relates the following: "One of the most remarkable deaths of which we have ever heard, occurred day before yesterday. The deceased, Mr. Thomas Jones, of Jones Station, Illinois, was a large man at that time. There were seventy-one persons present at the dinner party which started the undertaking had to hand over to the Fire Department. The deceased was lately sold was "four-fifths of a King's share," and left behind him a large family, among whom his son, Charles the First, who sold them for £560 a year, which sum is still paid under the name of Jones' Kings. The Jones Station of the company is now over £9,560,000, and it pays about eighty bonuses with £9,776 gallons of water.

—The number of divorces granted in Connecticut in 1869 was 191, a great increase over in any one of the ten years since the statistics were first published. In 1860, North Carolina had only 1,000 to each 97 of the marriages in the State. Of the 491 divorces granted, 366 were for desertion, 91 for intemperance, and 34 on petition of the wife. The causes alleged were as follows: Desertion (not distinguishing between willful neglect, inability, and cruelty or giving several causes): Adultery, 127; fraudulent contract, 3; cruelty, 114; intemperance, 219; misdemeanor, 24.

—The New York *Commercial Advertiser* says: "The amount of capital invested in the manufacture of cotton goods in this country is estimated at $74,500 barrels of lager beer were manufactured in the breweries of this city and vicinity. A majority of these were sold at $6,000,000. Proper deductions from the total amount for the use of temperance men, etc., leave a steady beer-drinking population within the circle of about forty-five miles of this city. The city Hall for a course, of 445,000 persons, with a reasonable allowance for children, is 160 gallons per year. The amount of money spent in rent for beer is also somewhat astounding. Reckoned on the basis of the number of kegs consumed one end of a brisk barrel to a limber strap to a limit of 419,000 glasses. While the average immediate vicinity described. The price charged by retailers—and the whole, with but a very slight exception, is dealt out by the over the counter—is five cents per glass, making a total expenditure of $20,950,000

THE FRENCH PLEBISCITE

Napoleon Receiving the Result at the Tuileries—Grand Ovation at the Tuileries—His Majesty's Speech.

From Saturday's Standard, May 21.

The grand ceremony of proceeding to the Tuileries to receive the official declaration of the late vote (given by the French people on the 8th inst.) took place to-day, at 1 o'clock, in the hall of the State of the Louvre. The whole was one of splendid grandeur, and although in some particulars resembling the great annual fête on the opening of the legislative session, was in many respects different. The grand arrangements of the spectacle had for the public eye, and reported his progress to the throne, and from the throne to the hall of the Louvre, had been effected in the portion of the palaces appropriated to His Majesty and the Court. On this occasion the Emperor and Empress sat together on the throne, placed on a platform of two steps, with chairs of state for the Prince Imperial, Prince Napoleon and other Princes of the Imperial family on the right, and for the Empress Eugenie and the Princesses of the Imperial Orleans family on the left. Behind the throne were benches for the Ministers, Members of the Privy Council, Marshals, Admirals, Grand Crosses of the Legion of Honor, &c., &c.

In front, on the right, were places for the Senate, on behalf of the Legislative Body, and the Council of State. This arrangement, it will be seen, differed from that generally witnessed when the members of the Senate and Legislature attend en masse, so to speak, on the steps of the throne, and the Council of State is absent altogether, perfectly simple. As his Majesty, by the terms of the plebiscite, is empowered to declare the result from the three grand bodies of the State, he could not have one of them, as on ordinary occasions, close to the throne, but two apart. The whole three would have to be gathered, and hence the Senate and the Council of State was formally changed. The three Great Bodies were, therefore, placed in the hall of the Louvre, the Senate on the left, Corps Législatif on the right, and the Council of State was made use of the expressly for the Ministers, Marshals, Admirals and ordinary Members of the Council. The places for these in the body of the hall were also arranged.

On the left, parallel with the Senate, were the Regimental Colors of the Army, in front of which were placed the Marshals of France for all the deputations, corps of law, Institute, Municipal Council, Prefecture of the Seine and Police, Prefecture of Police, and the various Ministerial departments. Each deputation, as it arrived, was received by the Marshal of France appointed to receive it, and conducted to the place assigned to it. The diplomatic body, which was out in full court strength, occupied their accustomed places.

Chief Orderlies were posted on the outside and at the entrance of the hall. Each deputation arrived from the Tuileries by the new gallery, which has been built within the last year or two for the use of the Emperor, and which connected the Tuileries with the Louvre. The approaches of the handsome equipages which conveyed the great official personages to the palace.

The deputation of the legislative body, the largest and most important, arrived, and were conveyed to the Louvre in court carriages, escorted about by cavalry, and after alighting at the Pavilion-Denon, the Place Napoleon, connected to the Galerie des Sept Moleres, where they assembled their Marshal and Officers.

Although the doors were not to be closed until half past twelve, the persons who had obtained tickets began to arrive at half past five eleven all the places appropriated to the Senate, corresponding to the number of official seats, became filled, and at last the members' uniforms, decorations, and richly-embroidered robes made a brilliant display. Indeed, in front of the galleries presented long lines of beautiful dresses, the brightest hues of the rainbow, and a flood of sunshine, streaming through the rich variety and brilliancy of the scene.

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NAPOLEON'S ENTRANCE.

The Emperor's arrival was the following reply: "Sire: In receiving from the hands of the Ministers of the vote of the 8th of May, my colleagues and myself are anxious to express to you, for the fourth time in twenty-five years, how glorious are the sentiments which the suffrages of the nation have caused to be manifested during the whole of the country. From the extreme limits of the land, from the very village to the extremity of the hall, the 'Yes' has been given by more than 7,000,000 of Frenchmen, a million more than that which was before for the Ministers. Many of the Privy Council, Marshals, Admirals, Grand Crosses of the Legion of Honor, &c., &c.

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His Majesty's speech in

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Second Annual Meeting of the Western Association.

Papers on Prison Reform, Idiots and Their Treatment, and the Air We Breathe.

History the Teacher of Social Science.

REGULAR SESSION.

The second meeting of the Western Social Science Association was called to order in the city council chamber in the lecture-room of Farwell Hall.

Those present were called to order by Mr. Wines, the Secretary, who read a letter from the President, C. R. Brockway, of Cleveland, expressing regret at his inability to be present.

Mr. Wines then called the roll. Robert Collyer was the only one who was absent.

The minutes were agreed to, and that gentleman took the chair, simply saying that he had no doubt every word he could say would be a jargon and speech, organization, and thanking them present for the honor conferred upon him.

The Secretary read the roll of members.

HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read, stating that there are now 102 annual members, 21 life members, 3 honorary members, $1,500 have been subscribed, $500 paid in, and $700 to be expended. Arrangements had been made for a complete census of the insane and idiotic of England, and a convention to be held at Leicester, in order to avoid the fall or summer. The committee had appointed a delegate to attend the Social Science Association for the Promotion of Social Science, the publication of a monthly report of transactions, and a revision of the constitution.

The report was received and adopted.

THE PROGRAMME.

The following programme was also submitted:

That, on Wednesday evening, the paper of Dr. Wines, on "Prison Reform," be read and discussed, and, on Thursday evening, Professor Goldwin Smith's paper on "The Previous Political Crisis in England," be read and discussed.

That there be only two meetings daily for the business of sessions, as agreed to, namely, 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 in the afternoon.

That papers be accepted in.

Mr. Wines read a letter from Governor Baker, of Ohio, expressing his inability to be present at the meeting.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Thursday morning.

INFORMAL SESSION.

Farwell Hall was filled last night with an appreciative audience, gathered to listen to the reading of a paper on "History the Teacher of Social Science." Delegates from the members of the Western Social Science Association, by the invitation of the Chicago Historical Society.

The speaker of the evening, who was introduced by the Hon. Dr. Collyer, spoke substantially as follows:

The theme on which I am to speak was determined by the Association. He was to speak on history as a teacher of social science, or the methods of historical study. Our country required the study of a directory in social science, and that on account of what great problems we have before us. First came that of the consolidation and organization of the various colonies, claiming to be sovereign of half a score, a problem requiring them to go beyond all precedent of all times. Two centuries had passed by and demonstrated the political elements did not rest upon theory but had been determined by the experience of the past. By most of taught from a page of Dr. Richard's, of Boston, on hot air furnaces, showing that where they were used the atmosphere was dried and heated, and the sulphurous acid was removed from them that was necessary to the healthy action of the lungs, and the escape of noxious gases from the room. It had also been found that the atmosphere in the air-tight houses would contain certain substances, pass through cast iron, and be carried into the lungs and blood. This recent investigations relative to organic matter in the atmosphere.

Among important instances which generally escaped notice were exhalations from the skin, and especially in public schools, theatres, &c., which, it was claimed, were sufficiently loaded with carbonic acid, of Nice, New York, had made some drawings, one in that city with a newly-invented carbonic counter, in hospitals, asylums, schools, &c., showing sometimes as many as seven parts of carbonic acid in the thousand. There were also gases of ammonia, the sewer gases, and poisonous no-city exhalations. All combined to fill the air we breathe, and no effort to improve their condition. Mr. Brockway had always been treated more carefully than in other States. A Board of Public Charities had been established, but as yet had done no good. His investigations in the State had startled, however, those in authority, and reform demanded. There were here many idiotic children who were deemed their duty to be educated, and there were many whose parents would not admit that their children were idiots.

No improvement could be hoped for under the old system. It was the height of folly to attempt to make useful citizens out of many who might be made useful members of society. Institutions were now running in this country, the object of which was to fill the prisons for the purpose of keeping the fact that those were human beings before their eyes. Reform was going on slowly, and most of them were ignorant of the condition of the prisons.

Mr. Wines then read a paper by E. C. Wines, D. D., on "Prison Reform, its Present Position and Outlook for the Future," of which a brief abstract is given. After a few introductory remarks in relation to the manner of treating criminals in the various countries, he referred to the subject with great detail, the consideration of the Prison Association; the increasing demand for its services, and the encouragement given to the recent propositions of International Penitentiary Commission. The call for that convention was received with great favor by all the countries addressed. Many societies had also been organized to advance the interests of prisoners, and governments had applauded commissioners sent to look into the improved system of Penitentiary discipline. The Secretary of State had also sent circulars to all the consuls in foreign countries